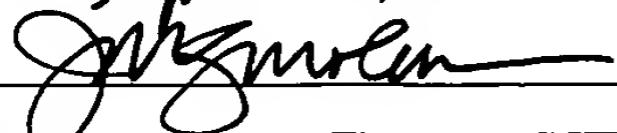
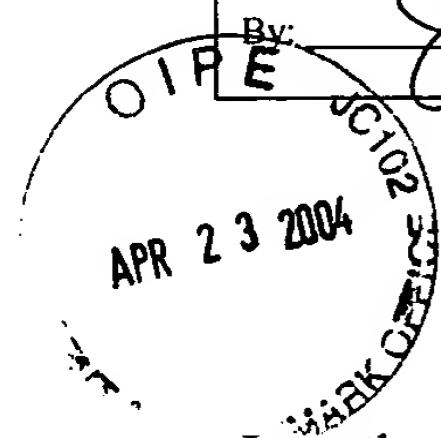


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In re the application of:

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Application No.: 09/733,239

Filed: December 8, 2000

For: CYSTEINE THIOL-PROTECTED
PEPTIDES FOR USE IN
IMMUNOASSAYS

Examiner: Unassigned

Art Unit: 1648

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT and SEQUENCE
DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 23, 2004, which set forth the following groups of claims:

I. Claims 1-13, drawn to the peptide identified in claim 9, classified in class 530, subclass 300.

II. Claims 1-8, 14-18, drawn to the peptide identified in claim 14, classified in class 530, subclass 300.

III. Claims 1-8, 19-23, drawn to the peptide identified in claim 19, classified in class 530, subclass 300.

IV. Claims 1-8, 24-28, drawn to the peptide identified in claim 24, classified in class 530, subclass 300.

Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-13, with traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional or related application to any claim of a non-elected group.

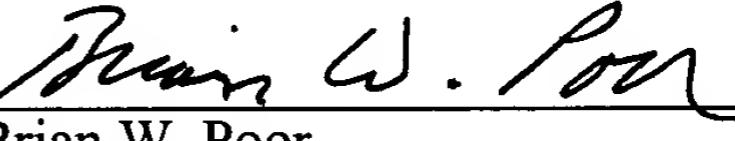
Further, in response to the Examiner's request to provide a sequence listing, Applicants submit the enclosed paper copy of the sequence listing to be made of record in the above-referenced application and a computer readable form (CRF) copy of the Sequence Listing. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.821(f) and (g), it is believed that the content of the paper sequence listing and the computer readable sequence listing are the same. Further, the present submission of the Paper Sequence Listing and CRF Sequence Listing is not believed to constitute new matter.

In addition, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.125, Applicants submit herewith a substitute specification (clean copy and marked up copy) to show the Sequence Identifiers.

Applicants believe all requirements for responding to the restriction requirement have been addressed. If a telephone conference would expedite this matter, the Examiner is respectfully encouraged to contact the undersigned accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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